

Hello, I am writing with concern about the propaganda piece that is being forced upon my local station and others, and just days before our national election. Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. We've seen these laws severely corroded in recent years.

When large companies control the airwaves, we get only what is driven by greed and not what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

I would like to request that if Sinclair is allowed to force such biased programming on the public that they be required also to show an opposing point of view, such as Fahrenheit 9/11.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you very much for your time.